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BC SOCIAL WORKERS CELEBRATE SOCIAL WORK WEEK

(Vancouver) Minister of Children and Family Development has declared March 14-20 as Social Work Week in BC and social workers across the province will pause to celebrate work done over the past year.

"The world shifted dramatically one year ago with the arrival of a global pandemic and introduced challenges and uncertainty for us all" said Michael Crawford, President of the BC Association of Social Workers. "Social workers kept working, changing the way we practice, and often putting ourselves at risk to protect those made vulnerable by the pandemic."

This year's theme is "Social work is essential" and emphasizes that social workers are –

- Essential to meeting the immediate needs of those carrying the pain of loss.
- Essential to those navigating overwhelming uncertainty imposed on peoples' lives.
- Essential to addressing the profound systemic racism thrust into the spotlight by the pandemic, and
- Essential to advocating to reconcile the economic, health and social inequalities glaringly exposed by not only COVID-19, but efforts to flatten curve as well.

"Social workers across the province are celebrating online, participating in professional development, recognizing distinguished service, and uplifting the profession" said Crawford. "This week we give a shout out to all social workers – we see you, we appreciate you, and we recognize your commitment to serve children, youth, families, and communities."

The Canadian Association of Social Workers Award for distinguished service in British Columbia will be awarded to BC social workers in healthcare during an online public talk by BC Senior Advocate Isobel Mackenzie at 630pm, Thursday, March 18. Registration - https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrdeGurzMtGtOzcruKPGMW_sA1bKJGF7MR

For more information on BC Social Work Week activities – <https://www.bcasw.org/>

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